

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An external preparation for skin which comprises glycolic acid and polyethylene glycol ~~one kind or two or more kinds of organic acid(s) and one kind or two or more kinds of nonionic water soluble polymer(s) except for polysaccharides, and is characterized by having a polymerization degree of from 2000 to 50000, wherein the preparation has a~~ pH of 2.0 or less.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) The external preparation for skin according to claim 1 wherein the preparation has a pH of 1.4 or less.

6. (Currently amended) An external preparation for skin which comprises glycolic acid and polyvinyl alcohol, wherein the preparation ~~and~~ has a pH of 2.0 or less.

7. (Previously presented) The external preparation of claim 6, wherein the preparation has a pH of 1.4 or less.

8. (Previously presented) A method of chemically peeling skin comprising contacting the skin with the preparation of claim 1.

9. (Previously presented) A method of chemically peeling skin comprising contacting the skin with the preparation of claim 5.

10. (Previously presented) A method of chemically peeling skin comprising contacting the skin with the preparation of claim 6.

11. (Previously presented) A method of chemically peeling skin comprising contacting the skin with the preparation of claim 7.